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Update on Executions in China

As of August 18, 1989

Ten people were executed in Chengdu, Sichuan during the week of August 6-13 for murder and robbery, according to press reports. It is not clear when they committed the crimes, or whether they were related to major riots that broke out in that city on June 5. Unconfirmed press reports suggest that as many as 300 people died in the Chengdu riots.

A policewoman in Guangzhou was sentenced to death on June 19 for receiving more than 200,000 yuan in bribes from 1984-88 to allow rural people to register illegally for residence in the city. It is not clear whether the sentence has been carried out. The sentence was announced by the Ministry of Public Security, along with several lesser sentences against police officers, in an effort to burnish the image of security forces during the ongoing crackdown on corruption.

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